(SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Minimum export prices fixed by MITCO for export of different categories of mica scrap of Bihar and Andhra/Rajasthan origin are as under:

Price in US$/MT
(FOB Indian Main Ports)

Grades of Mica Scrap

Origin	1/2" & up	3/4" & up	1" & up	Green cuttings	Factory
Bihar	498.13	548.13	598.13	—	548.13
Andhra/ Rajasthan	395.00	435.00	474.38	263.20	548.13

Over and above the prices indicated above; 15% premium is being charged for Crushed Mica Scrap.

(b) Export orders in hand with MITCO as on 29th February, 1992 for mica scrap are reported to be worth Rs. 2.34 crores.

Abolition of Posts of Controllers

1836. SHRI SATCHIDANANDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as part of implementation of Mathew Committee report, Class-I posts of Controllers were abolished in 1969-70 in anticipation of the Constitution of Central Trade Service;

(b) whether it is a fact that the actual induction in the C.T.S. was done after ten years;

(c) whether this delayed induction has resulted in loss of Class I service which resulted in non-eligibility of certain officers to the posts equal in rank of Directors and Joint Secretaries; and

(d) if so, the action proposed to be taken to condone the delay on the part of Government and granting one time relaxation to such officers in the interests of their career prospects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) A study team headed by Shri H.C. Mathur had gone into the working of the Import and Export Trade Control Organisation and had recommended *inter alia* abolition of Class I posts of Controllers. The Committee also recommended creation of a regular Central Service to provide for the needs of the organisation. The Class I posts of Controllers were abolished in 1970. However, the interests of the incumbents of these posts were protected by grant of Class I status as personal to them.

The Central Trade Service was formally notified in August 1977 and the process of initial induction was completed in November, 1979.

(a) and (d) Since Class I status of the incumbents of posts of Controllers was protected the question of loss of Class I service does not arise.

Effect of Raids on Godowns of Rice exporters on exports

1837. SHRI SATCHIDANANDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recently sealing of the godown of Rice Exporters by Delhi Administration has badly affected the rice export from the country; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government to ensure that the export of such products are not affected by such action of the State Government?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) The sealing of the godown of rice dealers by Delhi Administration and the suspension of business by the Delhi Grain Merchants' Association did have some adverse effect on the smooth flow of rice exports from the country as the market remained closed for a number of days.

(b) The matter was taken up with the Delhi Administration. The Delhi Administration has informed that subject to the satisfaction of legal requirements, the exporters have since been permitted to export rice under their possession.

Merger of Trade Development Authority and Trade Fair Authority

1838. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1030 given in the Rajya Sabha on 3rd December, 1991 and state by when the merger of Trade Development Authority and Trade Fair Authority of India is likely to be completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): The Trade

Development Authority and Trade Fair Authority have been merged into a single organisation with effect from 1.1.1992.

Dunkel's proposal of PDS

1839. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:
SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a news item captioned "Dunkel's draft will destroy PDS" as reported in the Economic Times dated 17th January, 1992;

(b) if so, whether Government has since examined the Dunkel's draft proposals;

(c) if so, whether Government are aware that the whole PDS system will collapse if the proposal of Dunkel is implemented; and

(d) if so, what remedial steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) Public Distribution System is not referred to in the proposals for the agreement on agriculture made by Mr. Dunkel. In fact, these proposals exempt from reduction commitments expenditure on public stock holding for food security purposes and for domestic food aid to sections of people in need. Certain conditions are stipulated for the exemptions to apply. If these conditions are not fulfilled, the expenditure has to be taken into account for calculation of the overall subsidy in terms of the Aggregate Measurement of Support (AMS). It is provided that if the AMS in a developing country is less than 10% there is no requirement to undertake commitments to reduce the subsidy.

Calculations made by Government show that the figures of AMS in India will be below this limit even if expenditure on food subsidy were to be taken into account.

Diversification of marine products industry

1840. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is encouraging diversification of marine products industry;

(b) what are the schemes being implemented by M.P.F.D.A. for encouraging lobster fisheries;

(c) whether financial incentives is being offered for re-equiping shrimp trawlers for lobster fisheries; and

(d) what is the status of such a scheme by M.P.F.D.A. and how much actual funds have been released so far?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) to (c) MPEDA as such, do not have any specific scheme for lobster fisheries. However, MPEDA implements following schemes to encourage diversified fishing which include lobster fishing also:

(i) For modifying deepsea shrimp trawlers for diversified fishing; and

(ii) Export linked subsidy scheme for making available H. S. D. oil to deepsea fishing vessel owners at price comparable with international price.

(d) Details of assistance given under above schemes are:

		No. of Vessels	Total assistance
			RS.
1.	Modification of deepsea shrimptrawlers for diversified fishing	13	7,75,538.88
2.	Subsidy scheme on HSD oil to deepsea fishing vessel owners	31	37,65,285.70

निर्यातायात-पत्रक योजना में घोटाला

1841. **श्री महेन्द्र सिंह लाठर** : क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान निर्यातायात पत्रक योजना में भारी घोटाले की ओर दिलाया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि दिल्ली